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In re Application of  
**Thomas Seth BELCHER, et al**

Application Number	Filed
10/627,440	07/25/2003

For A Portable, Adaptable Drawing Surface  
for Strategy Games

Art Unit	Examiner
3712	Mendiratta

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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App. Serial No. :10/627,440

Filed: July 25, 2003

Title: *A Portable, Adaptable Drawing Surface  
for Strategy Games*

Examiner: Mendiratta, Vishu K.

Art Unit: 3712

## NOTICE OF APPEAL/PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.191, Applicant hereby submits this Notice of Appeal of the Office's Final Rejection mailed February 11, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136, Applicant hereby requests an extension of time to file such Notice. As grounds therefor, Applicant states that it timely filed on April 11 2005, a response to the final rejection. Examiner issued an Advisory Action on May 17, 2005, more than thirty days after the filing of Applicant's response. In the Advisory Action, Examiner set the time for response for three months from the mailing date of the Final Rejection, however, the Advisory Action was mailed beyond the three month period, not permitting Applicant time in which to file a Notice of Appeal.

Included herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,045.00 in payment of fees relating to a Request for extension of time to reply within the fourth month, and to filing a

Notice of Appeal. If it is determined that further fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account # 50-0868 for any shortfall.

Respectfully submitted,

June 13, 2005

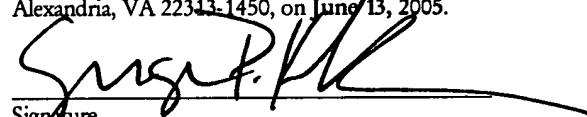


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